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PARDON APPEAL FOR LT. GRIFFIS

CLEMENCY PETITION TO BE PRESENTED TO GERMAN PRESIDENT

TWO MILLION NAMES SECURED

Officer Tried To Kidnap Bergdoll—Has Been In Jail Five Months—Punished Sufficiently.

Washington—A petition on which appears approximately 2,000,000 names will be presented to Dr. Otto Wiedfeldt, German ambassador to the United States, appealing to President Ebert, of Germany, to pardon Lieutenant Corliss H. Griffis, of Hamilton, O., the American who undertook to kidnap Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, American draft dodger.

Grieffis was seized by German civil authorities in the fight which followed the kidnapping effort, was tried and sentenced to serve 21 months in a German prison and to pay a fine. He has served five months of his sentence.

Several weeks ago, a committee of Americans, headed by Dr. James Whitney Hall, of Chicago, began a campaign to have the prisoner released. Finding that the state department was in no position to intervene in behalf of the American on the ground that he had been found guilty of an offense against the domestic laws of Germany, the American committee turned its attention to the prospect of a pardon or at least of a commutation of Griffis's sentence.

Petitions were circulated in every state in the union, and in a few weeks' time 2,000,000 signatures were attached to it. This document is to be transmitted to the German president through the embassy, if Dr. Wiedfeldt feels inclined to forward it to Berlin.

The plea for a pardon is based upon the declaration that Lieutenant Griffis has been punished sufficiently, in the judgment of his American friends, and that it would be an act of graciouslyness on the part of the German government to grant him an immediate release.

DAWES FLAYS DEBT ENVOYS

Hits Five Year's Bungling in Reparation Speech.

Paris—Opening his speech by accepting the chairmanship of the first experts' committee before the full reparations commission and his colleagues on the sub-committee, General Charles G. Dawes, of Chicago, told everyone exactly where to get off.

In a long, bold, crackling statement the senior American committee man reminded the allied statesmen and politicians that they had been jiggling around for five years, bungling the reparations problem, and warned them that unless they forgot their picayune bunglings and selfish grabbing ambitions and determined to make concessions and sacrifices necessary for an agreement the whole world would be plunged into catastrophe immediately.

General Dawes criticized everything that had been done—or not done—by the commission since the armistice. Speaking with the aid of voluminous notes, the general delivered a lengthy peroration.

"The success of this committee depends on whether in the public mind and conscience of the allies and the world there is adequate conception of the great disaster, which faces each and every nation unless common sense is crowned king."

General Dawes carefully qualified the exact status of himself, Fr. Owen D. Young, and Mr. Henry M. Robinson, so their associates will not believe that they are here under false pretenses, but fully realize that their judgment will have an important effect on American public opinion.

LARGE SUMS RECEIVED IN TAXES

State Treasury Collected Nearly 17 Millions Last Year.

Lansing—Contributions to the state treasury in 1923 from the department of state alone will total nearly \$17,000,000. It is believed, when all the figures have been completed. Up to December \$16,892,804.86 had come in. At least a million more is believed to have come in during December.

Excepting the state auditor general's department, which collects the direct state property tax and a few other fees, the department of state is now the largest money-receiving agency in the state government.

Automobile license taxes alone brought in \$8,800,955.45 in the first 11 months, a sum which December is believed to have increased to at least \$5,500,000.

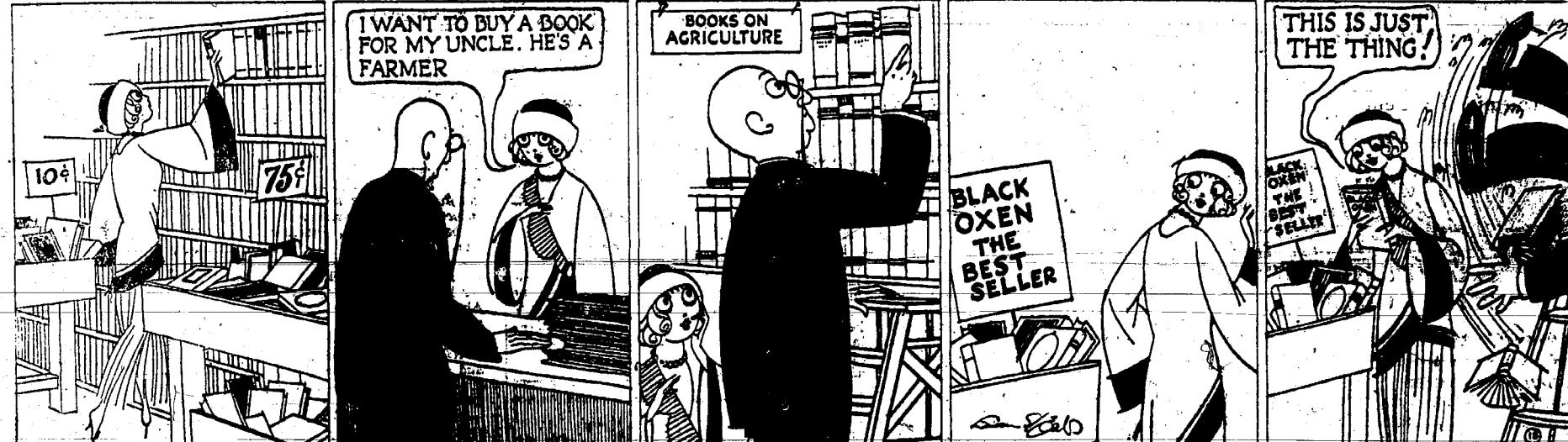
This means that for the first 11 months of 1923 there were licensed 728,493 motor vehicles of all kinds. Those included 651,463 passenger cars, 72,879 trucks, 4,156 motorcycles, besides 6,680 trailers. There were 1,847 dealers licensed.

Corporations tax and filing fees collected came to a total of \$6,645,477.50 during the 11 months. As this sum at present is involved in supreme court litigation, the total may be changed before the statistics are completed.

DULCY, the Beautiful Dumb-bell

It Will be Novel to the Farmer

by CONSTANCE TALMADGE
CARTOONS BY LAUREN STOUT



SOUTH BRANCH LAD KILLED

THE SCHOOL TATTLER

MILITARY WEDDING FOR EMERSON BATES

KARL KREUZER ACCIDENTALLY KILLED WITH HIS OWN GUN.

Saturday afternoon this neighborhood was shocked by the news that Karl, the sixteen year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Kreuzer of this place, was lying dead in the snow under a tree near Mr. Stewart Gorton's garage at Luizerne.

About two o'clock in the afternoon, after doing such work and chores about the place as were his usual share, he said, as there was nothing more for him to do, he thought he would take his dog and gun and go out fox hunting for a while. After leaving Luizerne, he followed the road leading to Luizerne till he came to the bridge over the west branch of the Big Creek, where he met and talked with Norton Williams, who was also hunting. From there he went on to Luizerne, whether by the road or through the woods is not known. On his arrival there he went into the store of Mrs. McCormack and purchased some cartridges and candy and went away whistling. He called his dog and went toward home. That was the last he was seen alive by anyone.

About four o'clock Mr. D. W. Durfee, who lives on the west branch of the Big Creek about a mile from Luizerne, was on his way to the Post Office, it being about time for the mail to come in from Roscommon, when he discovered him lying in the snow with his gun beside him, and his dog standing guard over him. The whole back of his head had been shot away, the charge entering just back of the right ear. He still held the muzzle of the gun, which was a single barrel, breech loading shot gun, in his right hand. Apparently he had never moved after he fell.

His family was notified immediately, and the Sheriff and Prosecuting Attorney were summoned from Mio. Upon their arrival an inquest was held and it was decided he came to his death by an accidental discharge of his gun.

It was necessary for the officers to await the arrival of Mr. Kreuzer before they could approach the body, as the dog had taken up his station on the breast of his dead master, and would allow no one to approach it. The family have the heartfelt sympathy of everyone in their great bereavement.

Sense and Nonsense.

George G.—"Have I been the first one to beg a kiss from you?"

Ada K.—"Yes, the others were bolder they just took it."

James R.—"Were you ever in a R. R. accident?"

Nyland H.—"Yes, I kissed the wrong person while going through a tunnel."

Aubrey B.—"I will teach you how to play cards now, so when we get married you'll know how."

Fedor—"Oh, good, what will you teach me?"

A. B.—"Solitaire."

We wonder:

Where all the coal was Monday morning—certainly not in the H. S. furnace?

Why so many coughed in the U. S. history class?

Why the Biology class are so orderly of late?

Where Gladys Chamberlin's bobbed hair is.

If fainting ever helps to win a B. B. game?

Where Bernice McNeven intends to get her hair bobbed?

Where Viola learned to drive a horse?

What Miss Bellows thinks of the morning Am. Lit. class?

How much Lena Diffell studies the third hour?

Why the whole school was turned into a Gym Monday morning? (Some exercises.)

Miss Second—Who is the President of the U. S.?

Small boy—"Santa Claus."

The class in Ancient history had been directed to write a paragraph on, "Persecution of the Christians during the third century." It was something fierce."

Wrote one youth after deep thought:—"The Persecution of the Christians during the third century. It was something fierce."

The U. S. history class are studying the World war.

Don't forget the bake sale given at the Grayling Electric Co. store Saturday Jan. 19th at 2 p.m.

Now is the time to bring in those pictures you want framed, you will find a beautiful line of mouldings and swing frames at the Wingard studio. Second floor of the Palmer block, if

Pupils with street shoes on please

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE N. E. MICHIGAN DEVELOPMENT BUREAU.

Notices are out for the Annual meeting of the Development Bureau, to be held 2:00 p.m., January 22, at the offices in Bay City. Election of officers, three directors and one member of the Executive Committee from each county.

A conference of everyone interested in tourist and resort advertising for Eastern Michigan is called for 3:00 p.m. Every community in Eastern Michigan is asked to send delegates.

At 7:00 p.m. the Annual get-together dinner is given at the Wenona hotel.

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While the diagnosis of the patient, who had eaten rather generously, was proceeding, the sick man said: "Doc, do you think the trouble is in the appendix?"

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Bird in New Guinea Builds Own Garden

The gardener bird of New Guinea, according to naturalists, selects a level piece of ground for its home and covers a circular patch around a shrub or sapling.

It carefully removes leaves, twigs, and even rocks that can give the place an orderly look. Then it brings tufts and slabs of moss and builds up a conical structure around the base of the sapling, reaching an apex about eighteen inches from the ground.

Outside this it builds a parallel concentric wall at such a distance from the inner cone as to afford the birds elbow room for a circular corridor between the two for their mysterious dances, marathons, and circumambulations. And this wall, forming a miniature Indian temple with a triangular doorway, is a living structure of the stalks of orchids plucked fresh by the bird and woven warp and woof in such a way that they continue to put forth leaves for a long time.

In front of the entrance of the temple the builders now plant a little green meadow of soft mosses. All weeds are plucked up and the mossy carpet is continually swept clear of all accidental blemishes. The feathered gardener now brings from near and far a wealth of highly colored specimens of flowers and small fruit, and these, they will dispose about the garden and zepo—Detroit News.

Favors should be conferred with judgment and deliberation.

Why Doctors Warn Against Coffee or Tea for Children

THE reason is simple. Coffee and tea contain drugs which tend to irritate the delicate nervous system of children, and so upset health.

The Federal Bureau of Education includes in its rules to promote health among growing school children, the warning that "children should not drink tea or coffee at all."

Why confine the warning to children?

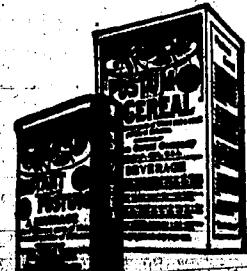
You are careful to protect the health of your children; why, then, take chances with your own health when a change from coffee or tea is made so easy by Postum.

Postum is a delicious, pure cereal beverage—ideal for children and satisfying to adults.

Postum for Health

"There's a Reason"

Your great-aunt Postum is two forms: Instant Postum, (in cans) prepared instantly in the cup by the addition of boiling water. Postum Cereal (in packages) for those who prefer the flavor brought out by boiling fully 20 minutes. The cost of either form is about one cent per cup.



Why an Egg Contains Air

Why is there a hollow place at the narrow end of a boiled egg? It exists because air is placed inside the egg in order that the little chicken may not suffocate to death between the time that it commences to live and the moment when it is strong enough to crack the shell and dig its way out into the world.

The chick is ready to come out of the egg almost as soon as it comes to

CRAWFORD AVALANCHE

FARM CO-OPERATIVE SELLING

By GLENN G. HAYES

(c. 1924, Western Newspaper Union)

Local Live Stock Shipping Associations

IT WAS barely seven o'clock in Ida Grove, but around the Union stock yards the day's work had started a whole two hours earlier. It was shipping day for the local shipping association and farmers had been busy since five o'clock getting their hogs loaded into the empty car that stood on the siding. The early morning freight would be due any minute now.

"How many you shipping today, Frank?" Tim Gordon asked as he and his neighbor, Frank Watson, leaped over the white-washed fence of the yards, smoking as they watched the loading.

"Only had one more ready. Sent three last week."

"Great idea this co-operative shipping association. Shipping them out one or two at a time just as they fatten up, beats the old plan of having to wait until there's a whole carload ready."

"I like having our commission company down at the central market," said the official, putting out his hand for it. "Oh, will you?" gasped the farmer, just well known who wanted to think it must be a swindle, as you don't usually see sights for nothing in Ida Grove."

So down the stairs he went again, with the umbrella grasped firmly in both hands.

WOMEN CAN DYE ANY GARMENT, DRAPERY

Dye or Tint Worn, Faded Things New for 15 Cents.

Diamond Dyes

Don't wonder whether you can dye or tint successfully, because perfect home dyeing is guaranteed with "Diamond Dyes" even if you have never dyed before. Druggists have all colors. Directions in each package. Advertisment.

Fastest Double-Star Found by Astronomer

The densest and latest double-star known has been discovered by F. C. Jordan, famous American astronomer. The new star is composed of two stars. In polarizing the light from one is stopped by the other after six hours; that is, in six hours the stars of this double revolve around each other six times to complete a circle.

This pair of stars, or this star composed of a pair, is far too dense than our sun and each is about the same size as the sun. The double star is so far distant from the earth that it takes its light, traveling 160,000 miles per second, several years to reach the earth. In fact, if it did not disintegrate, it would be years before we may know it. For all we know it may not be looking at this star itself, but at its image of years ago.

When we look at the stars we do not see them as they are today, but as they were when the light left them perhaps hundreds of years ago. Detroit News

No place is better than the old home town if you can get most of its inhabitants for customers.

issue, although in some of the larger organizations he is paid enough to devote his entire time to the work. It is the manager's job to assemble the live stock in carload lots for shipping into the central market, where the Producers' Live Stock Commission company oversees the sales.

When a member has stock ready to sell he notifies the manager, who orders a car for the proper date. In many associations, one day of each week is shipping day and the farmers bring in their stock, one or two or three animals at a time, just as they are ready. The common custom is to mark each owner's stock before it is shipped. The shipments are then sorted at the central market and each man's stock is sold by itself and each is paid the actual amount his stock brings, after the cost of transportation and handling are subtracted. Each man's stock bears its pro-rata share of the expense.

The National Association.

Before the National Live Stock Producers' association came into existence each local association had a representative in the central market to oversee the sales of its stock. This is now the work of the new National Live Stock Co-operative association, which is scarcely more than two years old. The local association can join the National Live Stock Producers' association at a nominal fee—usually of \$50—for which the National association will oversee the sales of the local associations.

Many of these local associations are not incorporated; others are; but the most of them are simply voluntary organizations. Generally the groups are governed by a board of directors who have general charge of the business, as well as the hiring of the manager. Shipping once through the association does not obligate a farmer to make further shipments—for there is seldom a contract. He is free to sell or ship in any other way he likes. However, in the last few years many of the associations are becoming more active. They are incorporating. They are adopting a contract under which the producer agrees to sell, only through the association for a certain number of years—usually three. They are buying office space and scales and are making a united effort toward permanence.

Other trucks drove up, some with one hog and some with two. Each hog was weighed and listed, then loaded with the rest into the waiting car. The freight puffed in. It puffed out again taking with it the hogs' ears of hogs and Sam Johnson, who is paid to look after the shipments until the stock is handled through the Producers' Commission association at the stock yards.

Awaited Their Checks. The farmers at Ida Grove stood along the siding and watched the freight pull out. Their part in the shipping was done. All that was left for them to do was to endorse their check when it arrived. This is the cooperative way of taking hogs to market.

Twenty-five per cent of all the live stock sold on the terminal markets is handled through co-operative associations. Four thousand farm communities have organized associations— duplicates of the one at Ida Grove.

For fifty years farmers have been experimenting with co-operative shipping. But up until 1916 not more than one carload in 10,000 of the live stock of the nation traveled the co-operative road to market. Today 65 per cent of the live stock shipments at St. Paul are co-operative. Co-operative shipments in Chicago total about 30 per cent, half or more of the hogs and 12 to 15 per cent of the cattle. It is estimated that co-operative shipments make up 20 to 25 per cent of the stock on the East St. Louis and St. Louis markets. At Kansas City, St. Joseph and Omaha the average is around 15 per cent. On the Buffalo market the share of co-operative shipments increased from 17.8 per cent in 1919 to 20.3 per cent in 1921.

It was in 1872 that the Grange started the first co-operative live stock shipping movement. In less than two years several hundred associations were organized in Iowa, Missouri, Nebraska and Illinois. These associations were generally mere shipping agencies. They were distinctly Grange movements and when the spirit of the Grange began to fade the shipping association movement died. But it was revived in 1919.

The next time it cropped up was down in Tennessee in 1877. A group of sheep men around Goodlettsville formed the Goodlettsville Lamb club, an agency which graded and packed lambs and wool and sold at an auction. If the bids were poor the products were shipped to the central market. This organization was a success and it still continues to operate.

The Society of Equity. In the 80's the Farmers' Alliance began organizing live stock shipping associations in Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa and Mississippi. When the alliance began dabbling in politics around 1890 its various commercial enterprises disappeared. That was the end of the most of the shipping associations until around 1904, when the Society of Equity began the work of organization. During the following decade many associations were started throughout the Middle Western states. The Equity is still at the good work.

Six years ago farmers all over the Central West began organizing shipping associations by the dozens. Live stock prices were rising and country buyers refused to increase their prices accordingly. Farmers met the situation by organizing to do their own selling. The Farmers' union started organizing associations and then the state farm bureaus got interested in the movement and they organized hundreds of units, particularly in Illinois, Iowa, Indiana, Ohio and Minnesota.

These associations are made up of the live stock producers of a community or of several communities who pay membership dues and agree to ship all their stock through the local units. It works something like this: A manager is hired—usually one of the farmers of the neighborhood who operates the association as a side

business. Therefore it needs but little air, which accounts for the small space left vacant within the shell. When the egg is boiled, the substances within it become hardened, and fit closely together, thus forcing the air out toward one end of the shell, and leaving a space which may be clearly seen when one opens a hard-boiled egg.

Not Allowed.

Blanks—"His wife dresses with care, doesn't she?" Jinks—"I don't know! I never watched her dress."

THE AMERICAN LEGION

(Copy for This Department Supplied by the American Legion News Service.)

HOLDS RECORD FOR LEGION ACTIVITY

J. Leo Collins, commander of the American Legion in Pennsylvania, is regarded by fellow Legionnaires as one of the outstanding workers for veterans' welfare in that state. His record in the Legion—as an organizer of the first post in the state, post commander, chairman of the Allegheny county council, a deputy organizer in the state, finally to be elected to the most important post in the entire department organization, has won administration of the entire Pennsylvania membership.

Commander Collins was commissioned as captain and served with the army in France as a member of the Ninety-second division. There he won honors for bravery and was decorated by the French government. On his return from overseas service he became organization work for the Legion and has continued active in the organization since that time.

To pay Commander Collins fitting honors because of his elevation to the post of department commander, the Titurel Creek Valley post, Collins'

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Sensitive Instrument.

During the reading of a paper before a scientific body an eminent scientist observed that when the bolo was invented, some thirty years ago, it was able to measure temperature to one hundred thousandth of a degree. Since then the instrument and its adjuncts have been so far improved that temperature can be measured to less than one hundred-millionth of a degree readily and with precision.

DEMAND "BAYER" ASPIRIN

Take Tablets Without Fear If You See the Safety "Bayer Cross."

Warning! Unless you see the name "Bayer" on package or on tablets you are not getting the genuine Bayer Aspirin proved safe by millions and prescribed by physicians for 23 years.

Say "Bayer" when you buy Aspirin. Limitations may prove dangerous.—Adv.

Quiet Evenings.

"Yes, your honor," said the aggrieved woman, as she dabbed her eyes, "he neglected me shamefully. Why, he never was at home."

"And I suppose you had to spend your evenings all by yourself, with no companion whatsoever?"

"W-w-well," she sobbed, "I had two goldfish."

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"Slightly Used."

The Haberdasher—Yes, sir, those socks will give perfect satisfaction. I've worn them myself for the last two months.

The Customer—Have you a pair like them that you haven't worn so long?

Says the Philosopher.

When the world turns round we'll get on the brighter side, but—let's help the world to turn!

Children Cry for

Fletcher's CASTORIA

MOTHER:—Fletcher's Castoria is a pleasant, harmless Substitute for Castor Oil, Paregoric, Teething Drops and Soothing Syrups, prepared for Infants and Children all ages.

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Proven directions on each package. Physicians everywhere recommend it.

Get rid of constipation by internal cleanliness.



Many Diseases Start from Clogged Intestines

Way to Aid Disabled

One man's contribution to service funds maintained by the American Legion in Marshalltown, Ia., practically made it possible to carry on post work for disabled during the year.

"Dad!" Everist, as the Legion men affectionately call him, owns and operates a string of filling stations in that city, and one day turned over his places for the Legion men to handle, giving them the profits. Gas sold at a low figure on that date, and many autoists took advantage of the opportunity to stop up, and thereby aid the Legion's work.

Simplicity Itself.

"How did you find the mosquitoes up there?"

"Cinch. Didn't even have to look for them."—American Legion Weekly.

City Council to Aid of Post.

Expense of a local civic celebration was too great for a post of the American Legion in Porterville, Calif., to assume, so the city council voted an appropriation of \$300 to pay for a Legion band to play on the holiday.

The Supreme Insult.

Mose—"What's the name of yer mule?"

Mule—"Mule."

"Jinks—'Plain Mule

MRS. YOUNG ENTHUSIASTIC

Cannot Praise Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound Enough. Sick Women Read This Letter

Charleston, S. C.—"I was completely run-down and not able to do my house-work. I just dragged myself around and did not have energy enough to get up when I sat down. I read advertisements of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound in your books and learned about it. I got benefit from the very first bottle. I continued to take it for some time, and now I am doing all my own work, even washing and ironing, and never feel better in my life. I tell my friends that the change in my health is due to but one thing and that is Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I cannot praise it enough."—Mrs. ANNIE YOUNG, 16 Amherst St., Charleston, S.C.

The reason for such a letter from Mrs. Young is apparent. She is grateful. Recently, a nation-wide canvass of women purchasers of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound was made, and 98 out of 100 reported that they received benefit from taking it.

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THE RED LOCK

A Tale of the Flatwoods

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THE NAKED KNIFE
SYNOPSIS.—On the banks of the Wabash stand Texie, Colin and Jack Warhope, young and very much in love. Texie is the only daughter of old Pop Simon, the orphan bound boy of Pop Simon who had foreclosed a mortgage on the Warhopes' estate. At first Texie and Jack talk sadly of Ken, the girl's missing brother. Then Jack says that in ten days he will return to the world to seek his fortune. Both know what that will mean to them. Texie and Jack talk of the red lock of "Red Collin," inherited by Ken. And Jack says he's coming back as soon as he has got the California gold. Texie arrives, the new preacher, Rev. Caleb Hopkins. Pop Simon introduces the villagers to the new preacher, who was a college mate of Ken. At supper at the Collin home the preacher tells how the boy killed a gambler and disappeared. Father attributed Ken's fall from the school to the loss of hair. Then Pop Simon has a sort of stroke brought on by reading a letter from Ken "somewhere in New York" who curses his father on his deathbed. A postscript by another says he is dead. At the village store, a postscript to the letter is seen. It says he saw the new person with his arm around Texie. Jack holds him, shoots a pistol from his hand and makes him say he was mistaken. The preacher and the villagers go fishing. Jack discovers the preacher carries a six-gun. A footprint on a concealed houseboat fits the preacher's boot.

CHAPTER VI.—Continued.

Of a truth, the comparison between the two men could not well have been more striking. The young preacher was a very handsome man. The beard and spectacles, the mass of hair falling about his ears, seemed to invest him with an air of exquisite mystery—an air that has such power to compel the attention of women.

The young woodsmen, on the other hand, with his unorthodox and ill-fitting clothes, though fair from plain, evoked whatever attractions he possessed to his magnificent physique, a bold regularity of features, and an honest, open frankness—a man's man.

With a jerky, elaborate bow to Texie, the young preacher turned to Texie.

"I was just hunting for you, Miss Texie. They want you at the punch bowl."

The girl must have known the woodsmen was about to speak to her. His face was as easy to read as the signs of spring. She glanced at him; dropped her eyes; laughed a trifle uneasily; thought, knowing her so well—and walked away beside the minister.

The woodsmen stood looking after them, a queer sense of emptiness in his breast—a man nursed by nature, untaught to juggle with the heart's emotions.

The voice of the gray-haired gentlewoman in the rocking chair recalled his straying thoughts.

"Aren't they a fine-looking couple?" she was saying.

"Uh-huh."

"As I look back over the years since we came to Buckeye, I remember that you and she have always been playmates. My dear husband so often used to speak of the beautiful companionship between you. Long association with one so sweet and innocent must have had a most ennobling influence upon you."

"It didn't hurt me none."

"Dear me! but you are laconic this evening, my lad. Do you always speak with such Spartan brevity?"

She might as well have said it in Latin. Jack was frowning hard in an effort to make out her meaning when Zeka Pollock, officially omnipresent, stopped at the old lady's chair.

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But with so many women—and children present pistols were out of the question. The desperado doubtless counted on this very fact. Stung to madness by the blow, he leaped up and lunged again with the knife.

This time he ran square into the preacher. With a readiness and courage hardly looked for in one of his cloth, he had stepped in front of Jack Warhope, his tall figure erect and superbly dominant.

Elfty flatwoodsman, half crouched and straining forward, stood staring. The eyes of the dark-faced man stretched so wide that they appeared to bulge from their sockets. He lifted a dirty hand, brushed it across the wiry stubble of his face and, like a man half dazed, slowly shut the clasp knife and put it back in his pocket. Fifty flatwoodsman relaxed, straightened; fifty pistols went back into hiding.

The preacher slowly raised an arm and pointed toward the open door. The desperado's eyes dropped; he pulled his lips together as if to loosen them; turned and stalked from the room.

"Mebbe we orn't t' let 'im git away," muttered a voice.

"Aw, leave 'im go," grunted Uncle Nick, an curiously puzzled expression on his face as he gazed at the open door through which the renegade had gone. "He's hekkin' an' ain't worth hangin'."

The old man turned away, still with the puzzled expression on his face, motioned Jack to a chair at the side of the room and began examining his hurt.

At that moment Texie slipped through the crowd, some white strips of over-tablecloth in her hand, and approached the woodsmen. A smile twisted his lips; and the girl, dipping one of the strips in the cold water Aunt Liza brought, began to wash the blood from the gashed shoulder and make it ready to be bandaged.

The preacher looked on a moment, turned away and went back among the women who were gathering again about the punch bowl. The elaborate

rock coat and stiff neck stock had again asserted themselves. The stoop had come back to his shoulders; the tree had left his eyes.

The girl, with fingers trembling, glanced through the open door into the square of darkness that had swallowed up the desperado, bent low over the bandages; and brought her face close to the woodsmen's ear.

"Jack, he looked like like—Ken would 'a' looked it."

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PINCHED FOR BOOTLEGGING

FREDERIC CITIZEN ARRESTED
BY NIGHT MARSHAL.

George Bentley of Frederic ran into Night Marshal Al Cripps Wednesday of last week while lugging about a gallon of moonshine whisky, and was soon landed into Hotel de Jorgenson. Examination of his sleigh revealed several empty jugs that gave out the aroma similar to the beverage he had been carrying.

Bentley was bound over to the April term of Circuit court for trial and was released on bonds.

U. S. FOREST SERVICE ACTIVE
IN MICHIGAN.

During this summer and fall the United States Forest service, thru the Lake States Experiment station, has been conducting an investigation into the problem of Michigan's cut-over lands.

Since most of the white and Norway pine timber is gone, the work, up to the present, has chiefly been in determining the yield in cords per acre of jack pine stands. Jack pine was once a despised tree from the lumbermen's viewpoint because of its relatively poor form and small size. But now jack pine is used extensively in the manufacture of pulp for the heavier and coarser grades of wrapping paper.

Now that jack pine has come into economic importance and can be grown in a relatively short time, it is extremely desirable that we know the yield in cords per acre at various ages. Knowing this, timber owners can place a definite value on young stands of jack pine which are not as yet merchantable.

In conducting this work Mr. A. E. Wackerman and Mr. H. Grossman have traveled intensively thru the jack pine belt in the lower Peninsula and have measured a number of sample half and quarter plots. From these plots the average yield per acre can be determined.

A preliminary calculation indicates that stands from forty to sixty years old will yield at the rate of one cord per acre per year providing the stand has an average number of trees per acre. This means that a normally dense stand of jack pine at forty years should yield about forty cords of pulp wood per acre. At the present market price of seven to eight dollars per cord loaded on cars, this means a nice return on an investment in young or immature jack pine. Another factor which should give jack pine a prominent place in Michigan reforestation is that it flourishes on the sandy wastes of which Michigan has such an extensive area.

This sand land is cheap and has only a remote agricultural value, if any which makes it very desirable for timber production. Much of the land now occupied by scattered and open stands of jack pine formerly supported the more valuable Norway and white pine forests which have been cut and it should eventually be planted to these more valuable species. However, the young stands of jack pine on these lands should be allowed to mature so that the soil may be built up (having been impoverished by fires) to a point where it will again support the more valuable timber trees. Where fires have been severe it may be found necessary even to plant back pine for this purpose of soil building, though Norway pine is the more desirable.

This sounds like a long time perspective but it is not. It depends on the life of timber and is absolutely necessary if this country is to have timber in the years to come.

The Lake States Experiment Station has been working hard to make the timber of this country to serve the needs of the nation. It is the intention of the station to make the timber of Michigan available to the world.

WOULD RETURN GOOD FOR EVIL

CHEBOYGANITES DIDN'T LIKE
TREATMENT AT GAYLORD.

Editors' Reports of Basket Ball
Game Played at Gaylord.

It is interesting to note the reports of a basket ball game played between Cheboygan and Gaylord at the latter city recently, as printed in the Gaylord Advance and the Cheboygan Democrat. These papers said as follows:

Cheboygan's Side.

From Cheboygan Democrat—

Cheboygan basket ball fans and especially the high school boys are anxiously waiting to see what the Gaylord paper will have to say about the game played by the Gaylord and the Cheboygan high school teams on the Gaylord floor last Friday night in which the local folks present at the game say it was unfair in many ways.

That the referee was the worst ever, and that the home team adopted prize ring tactics to win, which was allowed to stand. The folks down to the game all came home very much disgusted all around. It is to be regretted that such a condition will be permitted to go on between high school teams, when quite the opposite attitude should be taken.

If there is any place in the world where good clean sport should be encouraged and insisted upon it is in the high school activities. Practices allowed there that are unfair and that smack of the prize ring creates a very bad impression and sets a most undesirable example before the younger people who should have different principles set before them. Cheboygan has enjoyed some most pleasant and very gratifying athletic relations with the most of the schools with whom we are brought in contact with. To allow dirty stuff to creep into athletics, eventually kills the game and causes people to become disgusted and lose interest. Our very fine crowds brought out here to see the games are prompted largely by the character of the games, the good sportsmanship displayed and the fair treatment accorded to all. Just wait and see if that is not true when Gaylord comes here soon. The treatment they will get here ought to make them ashamed of themselves if they are guilty of gross irregularities as the folks who saw the game last Friday night claim.

The Other Side,

From Gaylord Advance—

For the fifth straight time this season, G. H. S. varsity have left the floor with the long end of the score. This time it was the Cheboygan team that defeated.

The G. H. S. boys had anticipated one of the best games of the season, as the Cheboygan boys defeated the Bay City team recently, but even though the locals were handicapped by the inability of McCoy to play due to a game leg, there was no time when there was any reason to fear the outcome of the fracas.

There was only one objectional feature of the game, that was when one of the Cheboygan boys, thinking he had a grievance against one of the locals knocked him down, and then ran.

It is actions such as this that give a question as to the benefits of sports in the schools. It is entirely wrong and should be discouraged. That is part of the work of the coach. His job is to teach true sportsmanship as well as efficient playing.

The purpose of sports in the schools is primarily to teach discipline. It is to teach the athlete to take defeat as well as victory, with a smile—and a determination not to let the same thing happen again, but at all times conduct themselves as true sportsmen. That purpose was defeated last Friday night. Let it not happen again.

L. N. L. AND N. L. V. S. HELD
JOINT INSTALLATION.

Last evening the Ladies National League and the National League of Veterans and Sons held a joint installation of officers, with Mrs. John A. Holliday of Detroit, National Treasurer of the L. N. L. as acting installing officer. After the installation ceremonies a light lunch was enjoyed and Mrs. Holliday was presented with a beautiful bouquet of flowers.

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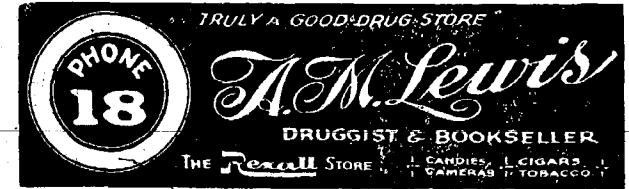


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Locals

THURSDAY, JANUARY 17, 1924.

Prescriptions carefully compounded
Central Drug Store.

Clarence Johnson was home from Saginaw over Sunday.

Keep in mind the bake sale, at the Grayling Electric Co. store, on Sat. Jan. 19.

Harold Rasmussen left Monday for Big Rapids where he will enter Farris Institute to take up a business course.

Mrs. Maggie Sonsey and Mrs. Luke O'Boyle of St. Louis, Mich., visited their brother Frank Rood and family over Sunday.

Grayling high school debating team will debate with Mancelona at the school auditorium, next Monday evening, Jan. 21.

Mrs. Minnie Daugherty has been absent from her duties at the Grayling Mercantile Co. store for several days account of illness.

Harry Hemmingson, who is employed in Detroit, having recently resigned his position with the Wilson Body Company of Bay City, was home over Sunday visiting his father and other relatives.

Mrs. Florence Shellenberger was united in marriage to Stephen Stoner Saturday noon by Justice of the Peace O. P. Schumann. The newlyweds spent a few days visiting relatives in Alba, returning to Grayling Wednesday where they will reside.

Fred Larson of Johannesburg spent the week end in Grayling visiting relatives and friends coming to consult his physician as to an injury he received two weeks ago to his left hand while at work. However he is getting along as well as can be expected returning home Monday morning.

Mrs. E. G. Clark received a complete surprise on her birthday anniversary which fell on Tuesday, when a number of her friends and neighbors walked in on her. At six o'clock an oyster dinner was enjoyed and the guests remained for the evening. It was a most enjoyable affair and Mrs. Clark was the recipient of many pretty gifts.

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Rare beauties and distinctions in lines, finish and upholstery—and the great mechanical luxury of an engine that *actually improves with use!* The wonderful Willys-Knight sleeve-valve engine is the same type of engine used in the finest cars of Europe. See the Willys-Knight—go for a good ride!

M. A. Atkinson

WILLYS KNIGHT

Harold Millard of Prescott spent the first part of the week visiting his family here.

You want the best in drugs, we cannot afford to sell anything else.

Central Drug Store.

Basket ball tomorrow night, January 18, Grayling vs. Boyne City high school boys' team.

Miss Jennie Ingle returned last week from Detroit where she had been for a number of weeks.

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Mrs. Jerry Sherman spent last Friday and Saturday in East Jordan visiting her aunt, Mrs. D. McColman.

C. A. Peck and son Raymond returned Wednesday from Big Rapids where they had been visiting for a few days.

Charles Fehr returned home to the hospital, Detroit, where he had been for part of last week from Ford taking treatments.

Mrs. Ben Landsberg and little daughter Lillian left Saturday afternoon for Detroit expecting to be gone a couple of months.

Fresh Fish—Just received a shipment of fresh codfish, flounders, herring and smoked haddock.

H. Petersen—grocer.

Mrs. Ben Sherman of Maple Forest, returned home last week from Detroit, where she had been visiting among her children for a couple of months.

Orlando F. Barnes and wife of Lansing sailed on January 15th for Egypt on a sightseeing tour, expecting to be gone until the first of May. They will take in many points of interest while abroad.

Fine sleighing is here, and it affords the people fine opportunity to get out and enjoy the sport and get their lungs full of good, pure air. Already many parties have been out.

There will be a bake sale given by the Ladies Aid society of the M. E. church, on Sat. Jan. 19, at the Grayling Electric Co. store. Sale begins at 2 p. m.

Joseph Bolange of Cheboygan stopped at the home of Allyn Kidston Wednesday of last week enroute to Detroit where he will be employed for the winter. He will be joined by his family later.

The Ladies Aid society of the Michigan Memorial church will give a bake sale, on Sat. Jan. 19th, at the Grayling Electric Co. store. There will be all kinds of good things to eat; don't miss it. Sale begins at 2 p. m.

W. B. A. O. T. M. will hold their installation of officers at their lodge rooms in the I. O. O. F. Temple this evening. Mrs. Laura Anderson, district deputy of Traverse City is expected to arrive this afternoon to act as installing officer.

Charles R. Adams is feeling proud over a whopper of a pike that he landed Tuesday morning, while spearng thru the ice at the electric light dam. The fish was 40 inches in length and weighed 17 pounds. That's some fish we'll say.

Carl E. Hanson, son of John Hanson of Flint and a former Grayling boy expects to make a tour of the United States this spring driving a Buick Six. He wishes to restore his health and feels that taking long motor trips will be just the thing for him.

Tomorrow evening, Grayling high school boys basket ball team will play the Boyne City high school team on the home floor. This promises to be a hot contest.

Mrs. Oscar Hanson entertained the ladies of the Bridge club Saturday afternoon. Mrs. C. A. Canfield won the prize. Mrs. A. M. Lewis and Mrs. Harry Paul were guests.

Mrs. John A. Holliday arrived yesterday from Detroit and is spending a few days the guest of Mrs. John Bittiesen. Mrs. Holliday came to act as installing officer for the L. N. L. and N. L. V. S. which installation ceremonies took place last evening.

Mrs. Rasmus Rasmussen, who has been making her home among her children, who reside in Detroit and vicinity and Flint, arrived in Grayling last Sunday morning to remain for a few months, coming to visit old friends. She was accompanied by her daughter Mrs. Mitch Jounkin of Detroit, who returned Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Rasmus Rasmussen was served. Mrs. Landsberg was presented with a birthday gift.

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The Danish Sisterhood society of this city will give a dancing party at Temple theatre, Saturday evening, January 26. This organization during the winter season for many years gave parties of this sort, but the past few years had given them up. The parties were always popular affairs and no doubt this one will be equally as pleasant. The admission price is \$1.00 per couple; 25c for extra lady, which will be charged for which a charge of 25c will be made.

The quarterly meeting of the Danish-Lutheran church congregation was held at Danabod hall last Sunday afternoon, and was well attended. It was decided at this meeting to pay the full quota to the Samfund in the amount of \$275.00, of which amount \$75.00 was subscribed at the meeting. Also it was decided to take up a collection for the benefit of the Pensions Kassen in the near future. This latter is for the aged ministers and their wives. The Kredamod, a annual meeting of the pastors of the churches in this district will be held in Grayling this year which will be in the spring, the date to be decided upon by the president of the district. Also the mission box in the church will be opened on Sunday, Jan. 27th, and anyone wishing to contribute to missionary work will please have same in by that time, or they may hand it to the pastor or one of the trustees. The various reports were read for the year, and some good tales given by several of those present.

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Claud Gilson returned yesterday from a business trip to Detroit and Chicago.

Mrs. Jerry Sherman attended the funeral of Mr. Sherman's cousin Mrs. Harry Clark at Central Lake last week. The deceased's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Sherman were former residents of Maple Forest.

U. S. STEAMBOAT INSPECTION SERVICE SAVES MANY LIVES

Vessels Carried \$23,000,000 Passen-
gers With Only Fifty-Nine
Deaths in Year.

Three hundred and twenty-three million passengers were carried on steamboats reporting to the steamboat inspection service in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1923, and only 59 of them lost their lives by accident—less than the number of pedestrians killed accidentally in the streets of most of our large cities.

Against this mortality on coast and inland water craft there were 907 lives saved by appliances required by law and examined by the steamboat inspection service, whose activities are revealed in the annual report to Secretary of Commerce Hoover at Washington by the supervising inspector general.

Total accidents during the year involving loss of life were 197, and the aggregate loss of life was 247, of which 59 were passengers. Of the fatalities 116 were due to suicide, falling overboard and other acts of the deceased, leaving only 81 directly chargeable to collision, explosions, founders and similar mishaps. The ratio of passengers lost to total passengers carried was one to 5,476,785.

During the year the service inspected and certified 7,653 vessels with a total tonnage of 14,082,550, an increase of 110 in the number of vessels and of 1,050,973 in tonnage, compared with the previous year. Domestic vessels inspected numbered 7,613, comprising 6,941 steel vessels, 790 motor vessels, 18 passenger barges, 500 sea-going barges and 75 cargo vessels permitted to carry passengers.

Steel plates for the construction of marine boilers inspected at mills numbered 2,680, with much other boiler material as well. The service also inspected 166,494 new life preservers, 6,860 new cork ring buoys, 425 new lifeboats, 478 new lifefloats, 104 new lifeboats at factories and 20 life carrying guns. Rejections numbered 4,388 life preservers, 140 cork-ring buoys, 9 lifeboats and 1 raft.

Licenses were issued to 25,052 officers of all grades. Only 23 applicants examined for visual defects were found to be color blind or otherwise visually ineligible. Certificates of efficiency were issued to 10,436 able seamen and 14,013 lifeboat men.

To Make Building in Tokyo Quake-Proof

Tokyo's greatest skyscraper, the Marunouchi building, is to be made earthquake proof. The building was erected by a firm of American contractors for the Mitsubishi company. It was seriously shaken by the earthquake.

The structure, which covers an entire city block, is to be divided into thirteen sections, thus localizing shocks as in the case with the Imperial Hotel building, which withstood the shock well.

Quake-proof walls will be built between each section and its neighbors, piercng the building from roof to foundation. The work will extend over two years.

Letter Mailed in Arctic Received 4 Years Later

Four years ago Roald Amundsen, the explorer, mailed a letter in the far North to a friend in Minneapolis. After various adventures the communication reached its destination a few days ago, bearing on its face an epic of the postal service at the world's edge.

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1 lot men's fine worsted dress pants, \$3.50 and \$4 val. for	59c
Men's knit wool dress sox, 75c value, for	39c
Men's 50c black cashmere sox, good quality for	39c
Corticelli yarn in a big var- iety of colors, very special at	39c
Ladies' Silk and Wool Hose	1.10
\$1.25 quality for	89c
\$1.25 Wool Heather Hose	89c
50c Heather Hose	39c

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Master of Exchequer—O. P. Schu-
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Outer Guard—Roy Brown.

Don't forget the bake sale given at

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OUR BULLETIN OF JANUARY BARGAINS

The Most Wonderful Prices Ever Named for
Any of Our January Special Lists.

Imported China	WALL PAPER	TOY CARTS

Michigan Happenings

Police Court jury recently convicted William Ellerthorpe, Clyde township farmer, of not paying his dog tax, and so far, the constitutionality of State Dog Tax law has been upheld. Mr. Ellerthorpe, however, says that he will appeal his conviction to the Circuit Court at Port Huron, and if necessary to the Supreme Court in his effort to have the law declared unconstitutional. Mr. Ellerthorpe, following his conviction by a jury of six men, was fined \$10. The fine has not been paid pending his appeal.

Shortening of the open season on partridge in the upper peninsula will be one of the questions to be considered at the spring meeting of the Northern Michigan Sportsmen's association. Delegates from the lower peninsula to the annual meeting of the Congress of Michigan Game associations, held in Marquette, reported that only a few partridge are left in the lower part of the state and that unless a closed season in southern Michigan is ordered, there is a danger of the birds becoming extinct.

A request has been received from the Traverse City state hospital by the administrative board for an increase in its \$50,000 appropriation for the construction of a dining hall for women patients. It was explained that by authorizing the expenditure of a greater sum a combination building which would afford a recreation room for the patients, can be erected.

While the Rev. H. E. Walker, pastor of St. Paul's Methodist church, of Grand Rapids, was delivering the funeral oration at the services for Gilbert Coffey, in the church last week, Joseph C. Coade, 63, grocer and lifelong friend of Coffey, died of apoplexy. Coade was stricken as the minister began the sermon.

Despite the fact that in December, 1922, Detroit postal receipts made so large a gain over the same month in the preceding year that the city ranked second in the country, the continued heavy business done at the local postoffice once more brought it well up to the gains of December, 1922, over those of December, 1922.

Dr. Benjamin Southworth, 46 years old, of Schoolcraft, one of the most widely known physicians of southwestern Michigan, died at Kalamazoo recently. He owed his wide popularity in several counties to the fact he would drive many miles day or night, whenever called.

The new Oceana County Hospital at Hart has been opened. The capacity of the hospital is 12 beds and it is believed that it is large enough for the needs of the county. The hospital was realized through public subscription obtained from all parts of the county.

For the first time in its history Muskegon's \$1,500,000 water works system is on a self-supporting basis. The revenue from the plant for 1924 is expected to pay not only the costs of operation, water main extension, but also the bonds falling due and interest.

Southwestern Michigan fruit growers around Paw Paw have checked over the damage done to their orchards by the cold wave. Mild weather up to the recent cold wave had a tendency to make buds and wood tender.

The pulpit of Rev. Father T. J. Ryan, who died recently, after 30 years in charge of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic parish at Pontiac, will be filled by Rev. Father James B. Thornton of St. John's church, Monroe.

Floyd C. A. Lockwood, 45 years old, for 20 years an employee of the Lansing postoffice department and for the last six years postmaster at North Lansing, died recently, following a brief illness.

The Baptist church at Charlotte was recently destroyed by fire of unknown origin causing a loss, according to trustees, of \$6,000. The structure will be rebuilt.

Thirty-three members of the scientific faculties of the University of Michigan have been elected to membership in the Junior Research society.

Alvin L. Burridge, of Crystal Falls, has been appointed major of engineers in the Officers' Reserve Corps.

The Harbor Beach Coast Guard station which closed Dec. 31, will re-open March 1.

A recommendation that Oakland County bond itself for \$450,000 for the erection of a new county infirmary, contagious disease hospital, tuberculosis hospital and juvenile detention home on the present county farm site, has been made by the committee of supervisors appointed in October to study the situation.

A proposal to sell the municipal electric light plant at Bronson was voted down at a special election held recently. The vote was 220 to 59.

The counties of the state paid out \$84,223 in 1923 for chickens, rabbits, sheep and other fowls and animals killed by dogs, according to a report completed by the auditor general.

An additional 612 acres at the west end of Mackinac Island has been acquired by the State Park Commission for \$15,000. The land, which now is owned by the Wawashkamo golf course, was the site of a battle between Americans and British forces in the Civil War.

By the favorable vote of four townships in Benzie county, funds are now assured for the completion of the paving of M-11 from the end of the concrete in Oceana county to Traverse City. The distance is approximately 80 miles and the expense is estimated at \$2,500,000. Tentative promise to undertake this work and push it to completion in 1924 was made early last fall by Governor Grosbeck when a delegation from western Michigan presented their case to the state administrative board.

William R. Roberts, 55 years old, colored, whose handwriting will be found on thousands of diplomas held by graduates of Lansing and Michigan schools and who also engrossed the papers of many state documents and photographs of legislators died at Lansing. His ability was recognized throughout the state, and for years he engrossed the diplomas for the M. A. C. Mt. Pleasant Normal, Lansing and Charlotte high schools and others. Mr. Roberts had been employed at the State Capitol for 22 years.

St. Clair County roads will be marked by approximately 1,500 new cast iron signs next spring. W. W. Cox, county road engineer, has announced. The signs will warn against parking and will inform drivers of railroad crossings, dangerous curves and schools that lie ahead. To save money on the purchase price, St. Clair joined Macomb, Monroe, Wayne and Washtenaw counties in buying 6,626 signs.

Fourteen years ago a Lansing business firm wrote to the secretary of state of Missouri at Jefferson City. No answer was received. A few days ago the letter reached its proper journey's end. For all these years it had lain behind some cases in the post office of that city. Then someone conceived the idea of tying up and moved the cases. The letter was found.

For the first time in many years the straits between the mainland and Hail Blane island were open for navigation, at the first of the year, not even a light layer of ice having covered them. The Walker's Point Coast guards have returned to the mainland for the winter season. Their crossing was somewhat perilous owing to a heavy blizzard.

Benjamin F. Mortenson of Detroit, a graduate of the law school of the University of Michigan in 1911, has informed university officials of the establishment of three scholarship funds, each amounting to \$3,000, open to graduates of Detroit parochial or public schools who may wish to attend the university, Michigan Agricultural college, or the University of Detroit.

The first Boy Scout troop ever organized at the Michigan School for the Deaf, and as far as is known, the first organization of its kind in Michigan, has been formed at Flint. There are 12 boys in the troop, all mutes and the leader, Clyde Stevens, a teacher, also is deaf. Fifty members are expected in the troop when the organization is completed.

Specialists from the extension department of the Michigan Agricultural Department are co-operating with Holland officials for the dairy drive in Ottawa County, Jan. 24 to 31. The two standards of farming which will be stressed are dairying and increased acreage in alfalfa. Meetings will be held at 64 places in the county.

A campaign is being launched in Newaygo county under the leadership of Miss Carrie L. Carter, Newaygo county school commissioner to lessen the danger of automobiles hitting children along the highway. Children will be taught to use the left hand side of the road, thus enabling them to see cars approaching.

The business of Alpena County in the county treasurer's office for 1923 was more than \$500,000, almost double that of 1913. The inheritance taxes paid during the past year was the largest in the history of the county amounting to nearly \$5,000.

Announcement has been made that arrangements have been completed for the annual Lansing Automobile Show, Feb. 5 to 9 in the Hudson-Essen garage, near the business center. The exhibition promises to be the largest in Michigan.

Miss Adeline B. Ladd, 35 years old, for many years teacher of history and Latin in the high schools of Ann Arbor and St. Clair, died at Ann Arbor recently.

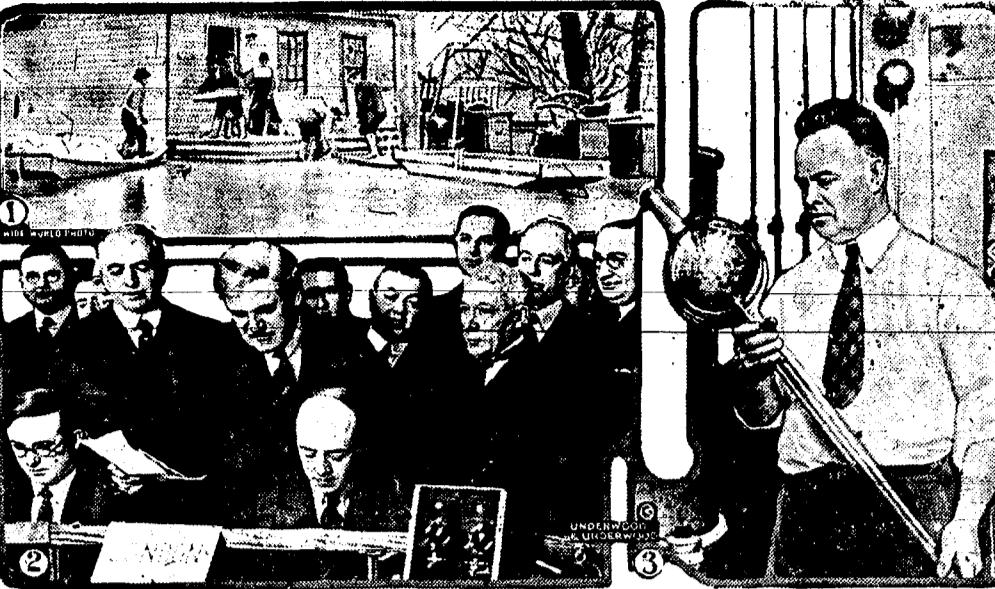
The biggest furniture market in point of number of lines shown, was held at Grand Rapids at the Ninety-second Semi-annual Furniture Exhibition.

Rev. Thomas Riley, 81 years old, dean of the Lansing Ministerial association, died at his home at Lansing recently. He was formerly circuit rider in Michigan and Ohio, coming to Lansing in 1884.

Rev. Watson Green, of Grand Haven, has accepted a call of the Creston Christian church, of Grand Rapids, and will be installed there February 1. The new minister is a graduate of Calvin Theological school and Princeton.

Charles S. Wilson, 70, Civil War veteran and former municipal employee died at Grand Rapids recently. He had lived there since 1879, and was city marshal in 1888, he raised the first flag over the present city hall.

The gift of a \$1,000 bond from Charles Lathrop Pack, president of the American Forestry Association, to the University of Michigan, has been announced. The income will provide an annual prize to be awarded the best essays written by a forestry student.



1. Scene in outskirts of Cincinnati where families were driven from their homes by high waters of the Ohio river. 2—Mayor Dever of Chicago filing message to the lord mayor of London over first direct cable between those cities. 3—Dr. C. T. Ulrey of New York and his new X-ray tube which is expected to be of great benefit to cancer sufferers.

NEWS REVIEW OF CURRENT EVENTS

Prize Peace Plan, Submitted to Referendum, Is Target of League Opponents.

By EDWARD W. PICKARD

EDWARD W. BOK's prize of \$100 for the best practical plan by which the United States might cooperate with other nations to prevent war, has been awarded to a competitor whose name is not yet announced, and the plan is now being submitted to the people in a nation-wide referendum. The reactions of Americans of various schools of thought are interesting and sometimes amusing.

BRIEFLY summarized, the plan is:

1. That the United States shall enter the permanent court of international justice, under the conditions stated by Secretary Hughes and President Harding in February, 1923.

2. That, without becoming a member of the League of Nations as at present constituted, the United States shall offer to extend its present co-operation with the League and participate in the work of the League as a body of mutual counsel under conditions which:

(a) Substitute moral force and public opinion for the military and economic force originally implied in articles 10 and 16:

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Advocates of American membership in the League of Nations and "mild reservations," though admitting there was nothing novel in the scheme, gave it their hearty approval. The "irreconcilables" and all those who believe the United States should stand aloof from the tangled affairs of Europe naturally denounced the plan as merely an argument for entering the League. They asserted that the jury of award was packed and that the whole affair was a conspiracy. The concern exhibited by some of the members of the senate was almost ridiculous. They professed to believe that the contest was improper propaganda designed to influence their votes on the pending question of American membership in the world court, and called loudly for a congressional inquiry. The referendum, which is being conducted mainly through those newspapers that are willing to help, is bound to be somewhat limited.

SENATOR LODGE opened the week's proceedings in the upper house by delivering a carefully prepared speech in defense of the administration's policy of refusing recognition to the soviet government of Russia. He presented a great volume of evidence and documents to uphold the assertion that the Moscow government, directly or indirectly, is making efforts to cause disorder and dissension among the American people, and gave what seemed to be real proof of the statement that the Communist International and the soviet government are intricately interwoven and controlled by the same men.

SENATOR LODGE, however, has not been noted of late for law enforcement, is in process of being cleaned up by a new administration. Brig. Gen. Smedley D. Butler, who won fame in the marines, has been employed as director of public safety and every saloon, disorderly house and gambling place will be closed and kept closed. Already, it is said, the keepers of those "joints" are fleeing to other cities. General Butler says he has been offered \$100,000 to let the handbooks operate without interference.

On behalf of the radicals Representative introduced a bill which include these features:

—Restoration of an excess profits tax on corporations.

A tax on undistributed profits of corporations, the rates being 5 per cent of amounts not exceeding \$20,000 after deducting a \$10,000 exemption, 10 per cent on amounts not exceeding \$100,000, 15 per cent on amounts not exceeding \$200,000, and 20 per cent on amounts above \$200,000.

Doubling of present inheritance taxes.

A tax of from 1 to 25 per cent on gifts.

Reduction of normal taxes to 2 and 4 per cent, respectively, but no reduction in surtax rates.

Reduction of 25 per cent in taxes on earned incomes.

Imposition of a tax on incomes from municipal and state securities under a bill prohibiting the Supreme court from declaring it invalid, except with the concurrence of all but one justice.

Publicity of tax returns and tax proceedings.

Repeat of all nuisance taxes.

Rapid Strides Made in Science of Dentistry

Rapid strides have been made lately in the science of painless dentistry. In fact, it is not at all impossible that before long our teeth will be attended to really painlessly.

First and foremost, a new method of taking gas has been perfected. Formerly it was usual to place a fearsome rubber mask thing over both the nose and mouth, giving you the feeling that you couldn't breathe at all.

Commerce committee, LaFollette advised his followers to throw their support to Senator Ellison D. Smith of South Carolina, the Democratic candidate, and so Mr. Smith was elected. On the decisive ballot the vote stood: Smith, 29; Cummings, 29; Cousins, 6. The only Democrat out of line was 4 votes of Maryland who, as once before, voted for Cummings. Senator Smith was chairman of this committee for a time in 1919. He was opposed to the Esch-Cummins transportation law, but is not classed as a radical.

REIGHT here it is as well to record the fact that the Supreme court has just upheld one of the important provisions of the transportation act—that one requiring railroads to divide with the government their excess earnings above the 5.75 per cent fixed by the Interstate Commerce Commission as a reasonable return on their valuation.

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Advocates of American membership in the League of Nations and "mild reservations," though admitting there was nothing novel in the scheme, gave it their hearty approval. The "irreconcilables" and all those who believe the United States should stand aloof from the tangled affairs of Europe naturally denounced the plan as merely an argument for entering the League. They asserted that the jury of award was packed and that the whole affair was a conspiracy. The concern exhibited by some of the members of the senate was almost ridiculous. They professed to believe that the contest was improper propaganda designed to influence their votes on the pending question of American membership in the world court, and called loudly for a congressional inquiry.

SENATOR LODGE, however, has not been noted of late for law enforcement, is in process of being cleaned up by a new administration. Brig. Gen. Smedley D. Butler, who won fame in the marines, has been employed as director of public safety and every saloon, disorderly house and gambling place will be closed and kept closed. Already, it is said, the keepers of those "joints" are fleeing to other cities. General Butler says he has been offered \$100,000 to let the handbooks operate without interference.

On behalf of the radicals Representative introduced a bill which include these features:

—Restoration of an excess profits tax on corporations.

A tax on undistributed profits of corporations, the rates being 5 per cent of amounts not exceeding \$20,000 after deducting a \$10,000 exemption, 10 per cent on amounts not exceeding \$100,000, 15 per cent on amounts not exceeding \$200,000, and 20 per cent on amounts above \$200,000.

Doubling of present inheritance taxes.

A tax of from 1 to 25 per cent on gifts.

Reduction of normal taxes to 2 and 4 per cent, respectively, but no reduction in surtax rates.

Reduction of 25 per cent in taxes on earned incomes.

Imposition of a tax on incomes from municipal and state securities under a bill prohibiting the Supreme court from declaring it invalid, except with the concurrence of all but one justice.

Publicity of tax returns and tax proceedings.

Repeat of all nuisance taxes.

That is altered. The mouth is now left free, and the tube is fixed to the nose only. So that while the dentist is extracting the recalcitrant tooth the patient still continues to breathe in the gas. This causes a much longer period of anesthesia, and gives the professional man more time for the operation.

An interesting fact has been discovered with regard to the nerves which run along the jaw. It was thought that an anesthetic must be injected at the base of each separate tooth in order to put its nerve to sleep. London Answers.

There is scarcely a man or woman who does not dread the electric drill. There is the continual dread of its slipping onto the nerve. An invention has been patented which, when at

tached to the drill, drops a certain fluid onto the whirling point. This fluid has anesthetic and antiseptic properties, and also helps to ease the friction.

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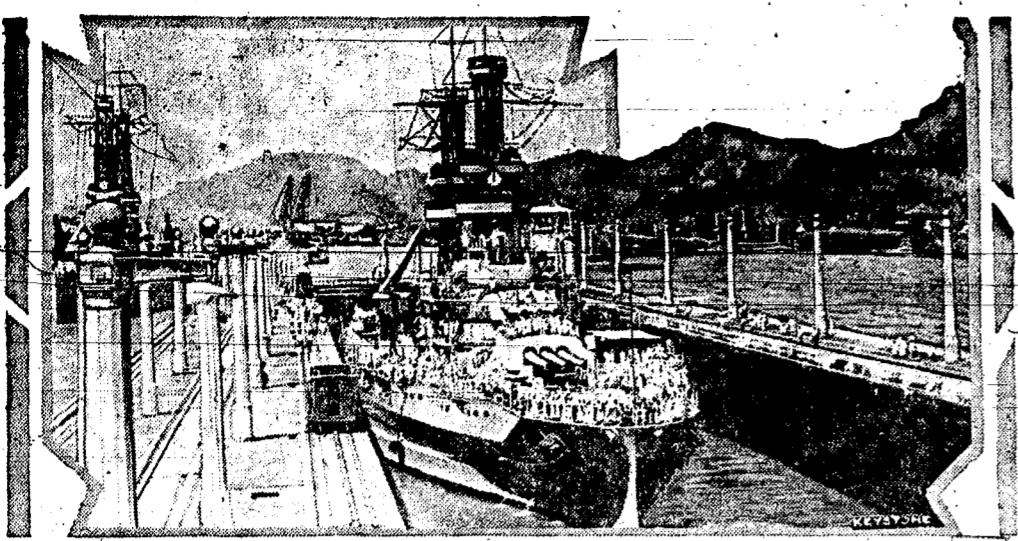
Silence best speaks the mind.

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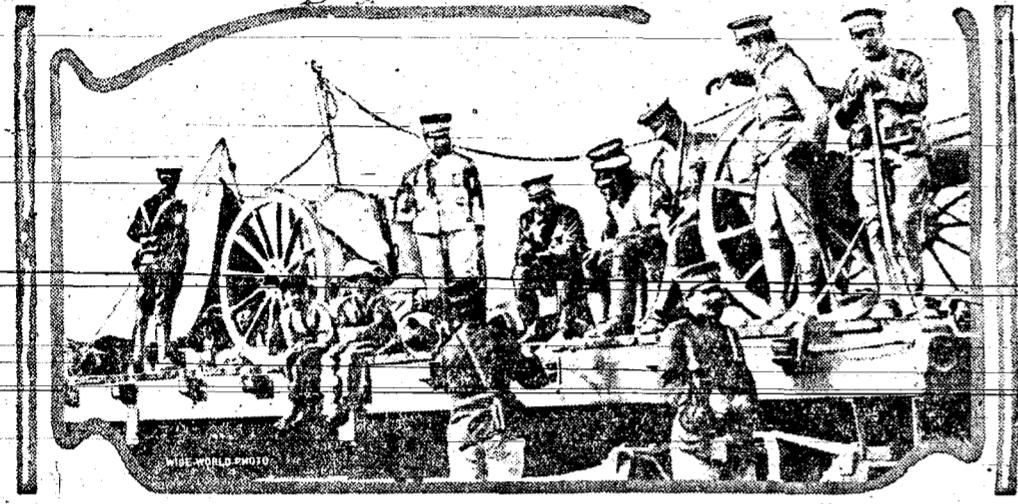
Quoted January 9: No. 1 timothy New York \$30.50; Pittsburgh \$27; Memphis \$20; St. Louis \$26.50; Kansas

Battleship Arizona Going Through the Canal



Here is the U. S. S. Arizona, one of Uncle Sam's mighty fighting ships, in the Pedro Miguel locks, Panama canal, en route to the war games held off Panama by combined ships of Pacific and Atlantic fleets.

President Obregon's Artillery Going to Battle



Artillery of the federal Mexican army entraining for the successful attack on the revolutionists at Puebla.

"Recognized" as Czar of Russia



At a family council of the surviving Romanoffs, held in Paris, it was agreed that the Grand Duke Cyril should be recognized as the legitimate claimant to the Russian throne. The photograph shows him with the grand duchess, who is a daughter of the late duke of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha.

Can't Tell Martha From Clarice



Here are Martha and Clarice Sorrenti, nineteen-year-old twins, who are employed in the freight office of the Rock Island railroad at Blue Island, Ill. Clarice is a telephone operator and Martha is a timekeeper. There are about 85 people in the office where they have been working for some years, yet not one of them can tell which is which when away from their desks.

FROM FAR AND NEAR

Wild rice which grows in Wisconsin must be harvested from boats.

A stamp collection in London was recently insured for \$10,000,000.

A machine that digs, sorts and sacks potatoes is now in use.

Chicago has a law firm composed of mother, son and daughter.

It is the custom of French fishing vessels to inform their owners by radio on the completion of a catch.

Platignum was first discovered in 1741.

The first labor union was organized about 1720.

The first steamship navigated the Mississippi in 1811.

No iron rails have been made in the United States since 1911.

The total daily water consumption of New York city is 734,000,000 gallons.



Here is the Chinese woman commander, General Wong, who commands a detachment of Honan soldiers. These troops are supporters of Dr. Sun Yat Sen.

Lots of Binder Twine.

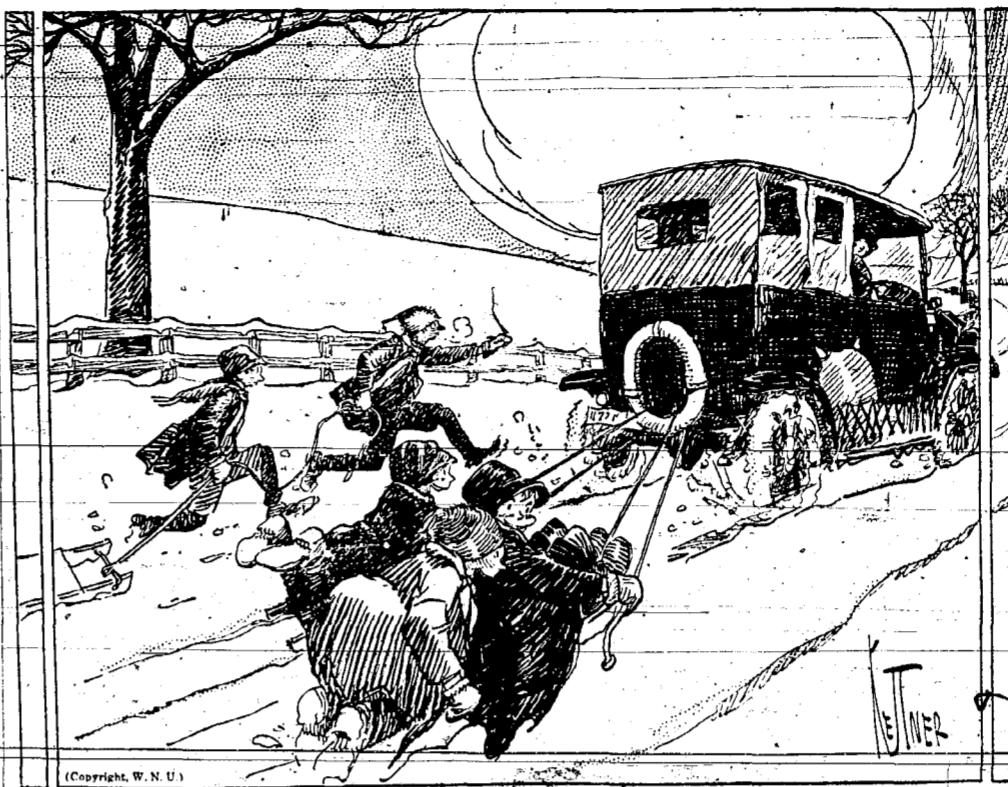
Approximately 303,000 miles of binder twine, sufficient to stretch around the world nearly nineteen times if it was all tied in one string, were required to bind Alberta's 1923 bumper crop. Alberta's farmers used 85,000,000 pounds of binder twine in one year.

Quite Different.

Many a man who walks miles to reach the eighteenth hole had a grandfather who covered the same distance going to a country church.

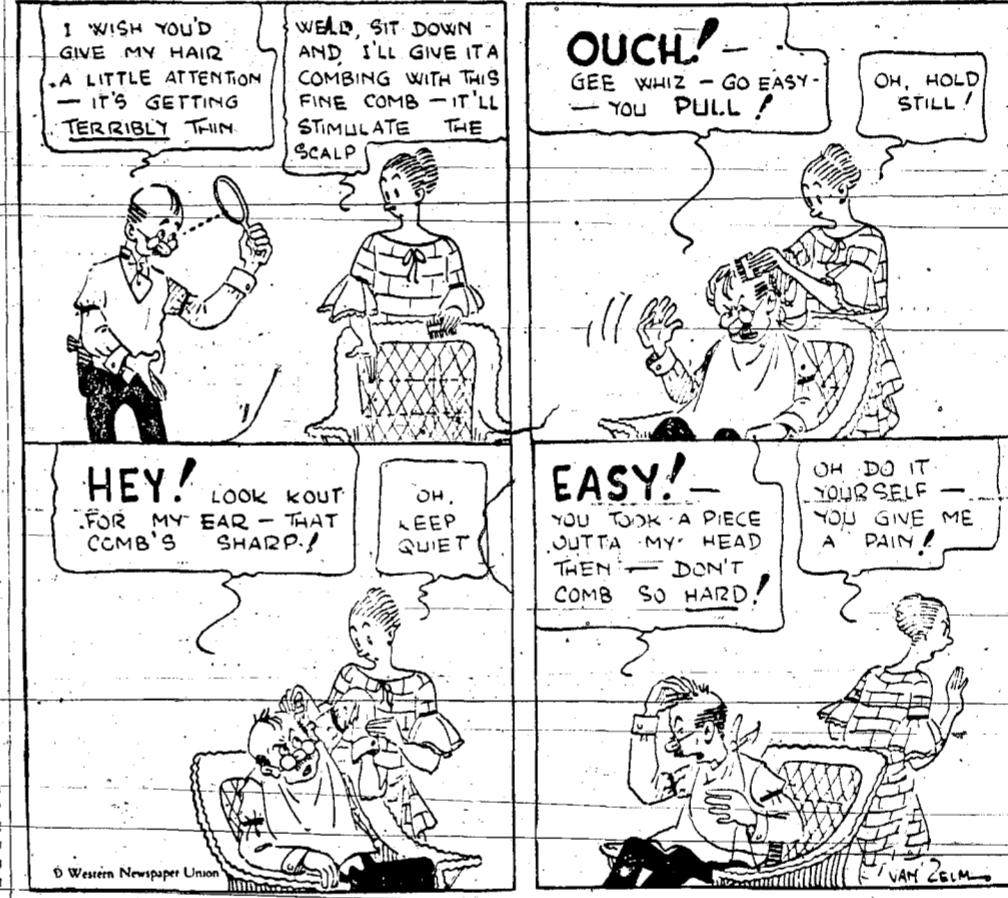
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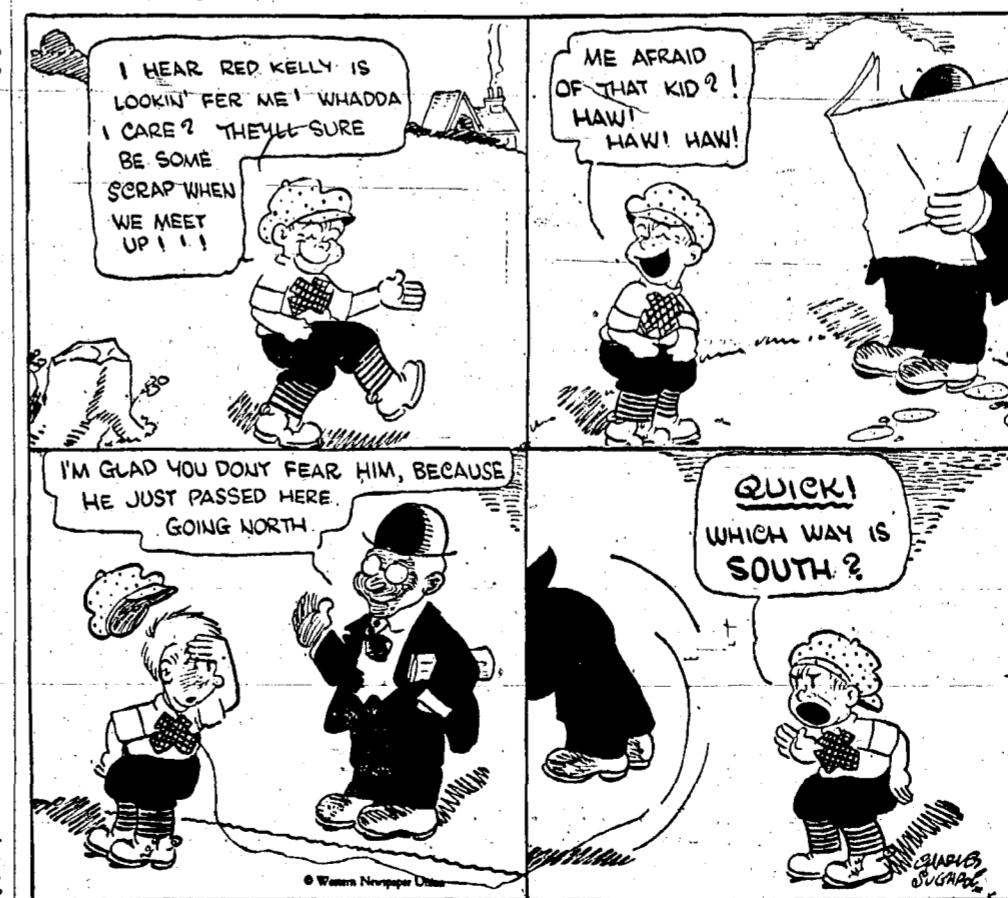


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Pity the Wife, We Say



Sure, What Does He Care



Nature's Poet

The poet of nature is one who, from the elements of beauty, of power, and of passion, in his own breast, sympathizes with whatever is beautiful, and grand, and impassioned in nature.

In its simple majesty, in its immediate appeal to the sense, to the thoughts and hearts of all men; so that the poet of nature . . . may be said to hold communion with the very soul of nature; to be identified with, and to

foreknow, and to record, the feelings of all men, at all times and places, as they are liable to the same impressions; and to exert the same power over the minds of his readers that nature does.—Hazlitt.

What is Meant by "Truce of God."

In the Middle Ages private warfare was very common—and the church stood in order to limit what they could not wholly repress. In the Eleventh century and later, frequently passed decrees that there should be no such

warfare during certain holy seasons and on certain days. By the end of the Eleventh century only about 80 days were left free for private warfare, but most of these days came in the summer when the fighting would naturally be most common. These holy seasons, when fighting was not allowed, were called the "Truce of God."

Because fat men make too conspicuous targets, an order has been issued in the United States army that all officers must reduce excess corpulence.

In this book the prescription for Father John's Medicine was written 68 years ago

FATHER JOHN'S MEDICINE
The Greatest Body Builder

AS SURE AS DAWN BRINGS A NEW DAY
CASCARA QUININE
Will Break That Cold and Make You Fit Tomorrow.
Price 25 Cents
W. H. MILL CO., DETROIT.

Mitchell Eye Salve For SORE EYES
A strong ointment in eyes sore from alkali or other irritants. The old simple remedy that brings comforting relief is best. 25¢, all druggists. Hall & Marshall, New York.

Rheumatism TREATMENT mailed
Neuritis
ANTI-RHEUMATISM CO., Dept. 26, Lansing, Mich.

ASTHMA
Dr. J. D. KELLOGG'S ASTHMA REMEDY
for the prompt relief of Asthma and Hay Fever. Ask your druggist for it. 25 cents and one dollar. Write for FREE SAMPLE. Northrop & Lyman Co., Inc., Buffalo, N.Y.

Dr. J. D. KELLOGG'S REMEDY

England's Prime Ministers.
The title of prime minister in England was first used by Sir Robert Walpole, who was in office from 1721 to 1742. By this time ministers were being chosen from one political party, and they had begun to act together, so that they obtained the name of the ministry. Their leader was then called the premier or prime minister. This title was not recognized by law until 1801.

Lives in the Mud.
Sloping fish are very particular in regard to the purity of the water in which they live, says Nature Magazine, but not so the catfish, for it will live and thrive in the muddiest and most stagnant waters. If the air supply of the water becomes insufficient it will rise to the surface and take air through the mouth.

Sure Relief FOR INDIGESTION

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6 Miss BELL-ANS Hot water Sure Relief
25¢ and 75¢ PACKAGES EVERYWHERE

What is Meant by the "Levant?"
This is a geographical name employed throughout Europe to designate the eastern part of the Mediterranean and adjacent countries. In a wider sense, it is applied vaguely to the regions eastward from Italy, as far as the Euphrates and the Nile; but more generally is used in a more restricted sense, as including only the coasts of Asia Minor, Syria and Egypt.

It is Efficient.
The reason lightning doesn't strike twice in the same place is because it finishes the consumer the first time.—Duluth Herald

There's no fool like a young fool who tries to act like an old fool.

Chas. E. Backus



Health is the Most Valuable Asset You Have

Newago, Mich.—"Some years ago I was troubled with dizziness, palpitation, loss of appetite and sore and painful stomach. I tried the best physicians I could hear of, and also several put-up medicines, but nothing did me any good. Some physicians said it was my heart; some said it was my stomach; while others said it was my nerves. I got so bad I could not work very steadily, when a friend came to see me and insisted upon my trying Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. I was disengaged, but tried it anyway, and after taking the concoction I felt much better. Then I bought six bottles and I believe the 'Discovery' saved my life. It was rightly named 'Golden Medical Discovery.' I would recommend it to all who need such a medicine.—Chas. E. Backus.

All druggists, tablets or liquids, or send 10¢ to Dr. Pierce's Invalids Hotel in Buffalo, N. Y., for a trial pkg.

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FARM BUREAU NOTES
R. D. BAILEY
County Agricultural Agent

**LIVESTOCK
LEGUMES
LIMESTONE MEAN PROFITS
IN FARMING**
Money-Making Idea Number Nine.

Put farm tools away under cover, protected from wind, snow and rain. No matter how cheap and rough the shed if the above requirements are met.

Tools weather out more than they wear out.

Many farmers who deny themselves and family a telephone, bright lights or other reasonable conveniences, as well as a decent amount of good papers and magazines, afford themselves the luxury of allowing plows, cultivators, mowing machines, binders and wagons to stand out thru the winter. The poorer the family the more stands out.

Any observing person knows that standing out all winter makes tongues of mowing machines, binders and wagons rotten, and that they break at inconvenient times.

Standing out soon spoils the hub of a wheel of the wagon, so it does not hold the spokes well.

Standing out soon makes the tires so loose that they have to be re-set at many dollars cost.

A wagon properly treated, need never have its tires reset.

Tools standing out is a big form of farm waste.

Use this money-making idea to-day.

Our Fruit Trees.

Do you see any Crawford County winter apples for sale in our stores? Not enough to mention. "They ain't any such animal."

People of Grayling and the country go without the delights and health-giving qualities of an abundance of good winter apples, or pay an exorbitant price for what few they have.

Bad Selection.

Crawford County can grow wonderful apples. The occasional tree of winter apples that we find shows that, but, the selection of varieties has been bad—too many early apples. Not a tenth of the early apple crops finds a market. People get sick of them. The apples soon spoil because they are an early variety. Farmers fail to do as well with them as could be done. They let the apples spoil on the ground rather than use a little adaptability and make-up the surplus into sweet cider, pure cider vinegar, jelly, fruit butter and apple butter.

Thousands of Dollars Lost.

Thousands of dollars are lost to Crawford County farmers, every year, by not planting and giving good care to two acres of well-selected fruit on each farm.

Why Holler Now?

This article is written now because fruit tree agents usually call at the farm in the winters, taking orders for spring delivery.

This is written to be a safe and timely guide to farmers about what

kinds and varieties of trees to buy.

Let Good Authority Speak.

I find that the Horticultural Department of the State Department of Agriculture, and the State Horticultural Society and our Agricultural College three highest authorities in Michigan on fruit, agree to the following:

Leading Varieties of Michigan Apples.
Summer.

Red Astrachan, early, red or striped, medium size, cooking.

Yellow Transparent, medium early, yellow, medium size, cooking and dessert.

Duchess of Oldenburg, medium early, red striped, medium size, cooking.

Chenango, late summer, pink striped, medium size, dessert.

Fall.

Maiden Blush, early fall, blushed cheek, medium size, cooking and dessert.

Wealthy, medium fall, striped, medium to large, cooking and dessert.

Shiawassee Beauty, late fall, striped, medium to large, cooking and dessert.

Winter.

Jonathan, early winter, bright red, medium size, high quality, dessert.

Grimes Golden, medium winter, yellow, medium size, high quality dessert.

McIntosh, late fall, red, medium to large, excellent for dessert.

Fameuse (Snow), late fall, red striped, medium, dessert and cooking.

Winter.

Longfield—heavy bearer of early winter apples. Fruit bruises easily; does not stand handling. Tree very hardy and winters well. Is a small apple. Do not plant as a commercial apple.

North Star—large; red, good flavor; good early winter; keeper to be

bond middle winter; good bearer; must be sprayed; good to plant.

Red Astrachan—summer apple; shy bearer. Would not plant.

Stark—would not plant.

Chenango (Strawberry), does well; sells well; does not keep well. Tree hardy; small.

Bailey Sweet—good winter; hardy; bears well. Sells extra well.

Fameuse (Snow)—hardy; annual.

Jonathan—not hardy; good bearer; keeper; good keeper, good seller.

fruit good; good winter keeper.

Michigan Beauty (Shiawassee Beauty)—large, red, hardy; good bearer; sells well. Is a snow apple. Mr. Knecht would not plant McIntosh Red here, as they freeze out.

Wagener—hardy winter variety; but short-lived tree, lasting about twelve years. Best used as filler between other trees.

Wealthy—good to plant here; hardy; good bearer; early winter variety.

Mann—strictly winter. Tree hardy. Do not bear enough to pay.

Duchess of Oldenburg—all right for family use; but, not for commercial apple.

Early Harvest—very heavy bearer.

Plant only a tree or two for family use.

Yellow Transparent—market is overdone. All right for family; but, not for market.

Burbank Plum (red)—good.

Pears—do better on heavy land.

Mr. Knecht would plant Bartlett and Clapp's Favorite.

Farmers ought to spray fruit," says Mr. Knecht. Dormant spray the most effective—just as bud begins to swell.

Spray also, when bud is in pink, for scab.

The tree the Knecht's did not spray had scab.

Trees, in Knecht's orchard, that did not get scab spray, fruit dwarfed on tree.

Golden Siberian Crab (sweet)—good for family use.

Transcendent Crab—would not plant.

Hyslop Crab—good to plant; good on market; one of best for jelly.

Three Good Michigan Firms.

Three good Michigan nurseries are:

Pontiac Nursery Company, Pontiac, Mich.

The Monroe Nursery, of Ilionfritz, Sons, Monroe, Mich.

Greening Bros. Nursery, of Monroe, Mich.

Nursery men's description of trees and fruit, and official, scientific description of apples, and pictures in natural color, by fruit department of State of New York, may be consulted at County Agent's office. Nothing to sell.

State of Michigan, The Probate Court for the County of Crawford.

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the Village of Grayling in said County, on the seventh day of January, A. D. 1924.

Present, Hon. George Sorenson, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of Victor Salling, deceased.

Marion Salling, having filed her petition, praying that an instrument filed in said Court be admitted to Probate as the last will and testament of said deceased and that administration and the settlement of said Estate be granted to Oren S. Hawes, or some other suitable person.

It is ordered, that the fourth day of February, A. D. 1924 at ten a. m. at said Probate Office is hereby ap-

pointed for hearing said petition.

It is further ordered, that public

notice thereof be given by publication of a copy hereof for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing in the Crawford Avalanche a newspaper printed and circulated in said

County.

George Sorenson, Judge of Probate.

A true copy:

George Sorenson, Judge of Probate.

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WHAT OTHERS THINK OF MICHIGAN POTATOES.

"We usually pay 75 cents more for a sack of N. Y. potatoes and \$1.25 more for Long Island potatoes than we do for Michigan or Minnesota potatoes. We can well afford to. The trouble with Michigan potatoes is the poor grading—hollow hearts, mechanical injuries, etc." So spoke one of the big buyers of potatoes from Ohio at a gathering composed of potato experts from nearly every state in the Union that is interested in the production of tubers. When asked if his statement applied to N. E. Michigan he said that it did most emphatically. He said, "This discrimination in prices will cease soon after you folks learn that it pays only to ship first-class stuff, particularly when the supply is large." He also felt that the color of the Rural Russet had nothing to do with the lower price, except where they were handled carelessly or dug before maturity.

It is always interesting and usually beneficial to "see ourselves as others see us." It is natural for folks to consider their own the best in the world, and the writer could not help but think of that trait when he was "sitting in" as a quiet listener at this meeting of potato producers, buyers, and experts from all over the country.

This meeting was held in connection with the annual convention of the American Association for the advancement of Science, at Cincinnati last week. Over 3,500 men of scientific training were present, and they were divided into sections where various subjects were discussed.

In one of these, the problems of the potato producer received minute attention. Comments were made on Michigan potatoes, but not always complimentary.

"Back home" we have been saying to ourselves and each other that

"Northeastern Michigan potatoes are the best in the world," "next to none," etc. In the face of low prices we have probably been chanting these phrases to keep up courage.

FACTS must be faced; however, or we will never get the prices that

growers in other states are getting—

facts such as were presented at the Cincinnati conference, as well as those revealed in the discrimination of prices against our potatoes. We can do this gracefully by accepting this outstanding fact that N. E. Michigan produces some of the best potatoes in the world, and also some of the poorest.

By mixing them up and trying to get the consumer to take all of them, we are receiving less for them than growers from other States, compelled by State law or adverse circumstances to separate the poor from the good, receive for the good ones. The consumer determines the price and he will not buy the mixture except at a great reduction.

What methods for securing higher prices for potatoes were discussed was surprising how closely three speakers, representing three distinct selling agencies, agreed. A representative of a corporation in Boston which handles hundreds of carloads a year said, "If our growers furnish us with high quality potatoes we can almost always make a sale that is satisfactory to producer, consumer and ourselves. It is the poor stuff that wrecks the market." The representative of a cooperative association said, "By orderly marketing we can keep the price, provided we can get the quality up." A large potato producer from N. Y. said, "I always get 15 to 25¢ more per bushel than my neighbor, because I make it a point to grade better than is required by law.

On U. S. No. 1," in other words, they all agreed that proper grading provides the quality for which the consumer pays a price that brings profit to the producer.

Naturally, the question arose as to why Michigan lagged behind her sister states in enactment and enforcement of proper grading laws. We were told that "we understand that some forces bitterly opposed such a law in 1918 and they built up public sentiment against it." Mr. C. W. Waid, now of Ohio but formerly of Michigan, confirmed this. It is interesting to note that these same forces are now shouting loudest for better prices.

From all this it would seem that the Michigan potato has fallen into disrepute because of improper grading. The most powerful factor in the world—the consumer—has decreed that either the producer must keep his poor potatoes at home or accept a discount as well as paying the handling charges. This fact was confirmed at the convention at Cincinnati and pointedly applied to Michigan.

Some bouquets, however, were handed to Michigan when the certified seed was discussed. Dr. E. L. Nixon, Potato Specialist, State College, Pa., commented very generously on Northern Michigan's seed potatoes. Mr. E. C. Hardenburg of New York State spoke highly of the exhibits of seed potatoes seen at the Grand Rapids show. Favorable mention of the Top O'Michigan show was made.

Where one entire afternoon was devoted to the discussions as to the menace of scab on potatoes, several exciting cases of seeing acres of potatoes dug without a single bushel salvageable due to scab, it was pointed out that Michigan's Rural Russet was practically immune to it. Naturally, that makes our seed more popular.

N. E. Michigan CAN produce as good potatoes as can be grown under the sun, and when the shippers leave the poor ones at home, the buyers and consumers will recognize it and we will have an equal show with the rest of the states in a market more or less uncertain at its best.

Overproduction is so readily accomplished with potatoes, and glutting of markets still more readily, that the producer of table-stock in N. E. Michigan will never be certain of a satisfactory price for his crop, still he should not place himself at a disadvantage by mixing the undesirable.

Orderly marketing thru strong farm organizations would go a long way toward solving his other problems.

Contributed.

Frank Sales, Acting Clerk.

At a meeting of the Common Council of the village of Grayling, in session as the Board of Health of said village, held on Monday the 7th day of January, 1924.

Present: C. A. Canfield, Eva R. Reagan, C. O. McCullough, Dan Hoecli, Jaques H. Wingard, Frank Sales.

Absent: M. A. Atkinson.

Report of the Committee on Claims and Accounts.

To the president and members of the Board of Health of the Village of Grayling:

Your committee on Finance and Settlement, Claims and Accounts, respectfully request that the accompanying bills be allowed as follows:

R. D. Connine, groceries for C. C. Thurston

23.14

2.68

4.88

4.45

3.60

7.35

95.00

97.50

85.00

Moved by Reagan, supported by Wingard, that the bills be allowed as charged and recommended that the Clerk be and is hereby authorized to draw orders on the Treasurer for the same.

Now, therefore, notice is hereby given, that by virtue of the said power of sale and pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided, the said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described at public auction to the highest bidder at the front door of the court house in Grayling, in said county, on February 1, 1924, at one o'clock, P. M., which premises are described as follows:

The west half of the southeast quarter of section twenty-eight, township twenty-five, north, range two west, Crawford county, Michigan.

Dated November 1, 1923.

Hiram R. Smith, Attorney for Mortgagee.

Business Address:

Roscommon, Michigan. 11-8-18

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